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ASSOCIATION IS CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL HOLD OUT

Local Salesman Anticipates Big Deliveries Here After First of New Year, and Approach of Spring Gives Promise of Victory in Market.

NEW PLAN NOT PRACTICED

"Association tobacco will begin to come to the prize houses after the holidays," was the confident statement of Salesman Veale yesterday, "and it will be only a short while until the tobacco controlled by the organization will be offered for sale in the salesrooms. The farmers are in a position to pool their tobacco, even if no advances are made, but assurance has come from headquarters that money will be procured shortly for all needs."

"It is admitted that the only thing that could possibly cause a failure of the association to control the market would be the inability to get advances of money to enable the farmer to hold his tobacco off the market until spring, and the time is so short now that they can afford to wait."

"But few instances of dumping have been reported and I am confident that the farmers have the situation well in hand."

Mr. Veale is of the opinion that the foreign buyers will be glad to get the tobacco at association prices as soon as it is ready for the market.

A majority of the farmers have not delivered any tobacco to the prize houses, but have awaited developments in the financial situation. Some disappointment will be caused by a failure to get money in time for Christmas, but it is argued that there are few farmers really in need of money, as at this particular season they have surplus of other crops for sale.

Discussing the proposed new method of delivering tobacco to the prize houses on the stalk before it is stripped, a farmer yesterday was of the opinion that the plan is a good one, but in this district there will be little delivering in that form this year. While waiting for other matters to develop the farmers have had ample opportunity to strip and prepare their tobacco for the market at their barns. This will also serve to expedite matters, when they begin to bring their tobacco to the prize houses, as the crop will be bulked on trucks ready for hauling to the prizes. By this means it is expected that the crop will be on the market almost as early this season as last, though the start has been delayed.

Big Deliveries Today.

Probably the largest delivery of tobacco this season was made at Paducah today, as wagons heavily loaded with the product have been pouring into the city since early morning. The prices received are up to the average of last week and most of the tobacco had been contracted for before it is brought in to the city, though a small amount is sold from the wagon at prices equal to that bought by the buyers' agents in the country. Another big delivery is expected tomorrow and Saturday which is the last day before the holidays that tobacco will be received.

PRISONERS SENTENCED SPEND CHRISTMAS HERE.

Prisoners sentenced to the penitentiary at this term of circuit court probably will eat their Christmas dinner with Jailer Baker, as arrangements for their removal to Eddyville will not be completed until after the holidays. Sheriff Ogilvie is considering a number of applications from people who would like to go as guards to the prisoners, but has not yet made the selection. Only ten prisoners are to go, the smallest number for several courts.

CHARLES RIPLEY WAS DISCHARGED IN COURT.

Charles Ripley, proprietor of the drug store at Eleventh and Caldwell streets, was acquitted in police court this morning on the charge of selling whisky on Sunday. The prosecuting witness, Homer Poston, colored, who gave the only evidence against Mr. Ripley, told a story of buying whisky at the drug store, but it was denied by Mr. Ripley, who proved that no whisky was kept at his store to be sold at any time. The clerk who the negro claimed sold the whisky to him was not on duty Sunday.

The police believe that Poston is shielding a bootlegger who they have spotted. The case was dismissed at the instance of Senator Wheeler Campbell, who appeared for the

Gunboat Paducah Will Reach New Orleans December 30, Ready To Receive Her Silver Service.

400 MINERS ARE BELIEVED TO BE TRAPPED BY FIRE

Pittsburg, Dec. 19.—Four hundred men were entombed at 11:30 today at the Darr mine, near Connellsville. The mine is on fire and it is believed all are dead.

The Darr mines of the Pittsburg Coal company are at Jacobs creek, eighteen miles west. Of the 400 fully 100 are Americans, and the rest principally Hungarians. An explosion shook this vicinity of the mine at 11:30. Shortly after, smoke began to pour from the mine. The mouth of the mine was wrecked. This with the smoke and fire which was discovered raging inside, prevented any attempts at rescue up to 1 o'clock.

On account of the condition of the mine it is impossible to say if all are killed. It is thought there is not much chance for the men inside.

Lawyer's Father Dies.
Dixon, Ill., Dec. 19.—Abram Morrison, father of Charles B. Morrison, special counsel for the government in the Standard Oil cases and formerly United States district attorney of Northern Illinois, is dead, aged 85.

HUGHES IN THE WEST

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 19.—Governor Hughes is invited to address the Young Men's Republican club here February 12. His admirers in Nebraska plan to give him an open bid for western support.

LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Citizens of Hopkinsville and Christiana county have formed a law and order league. Membership is kept secret for the present.

Springfield, Ky., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—A law and order league was organized by Washington county citizens to block the night riders.

I. C. POSTPONES AGAIN

Chicago, Dec. 19.—On account of Judge Ball being unable to render a decision the election of Illinois Central stockholders adjourned until this afternoon and postponement of several weeks may be taken.

GAMBLERS MAY BE IN FOR SERIOUS TROUBLE

The long session of the grand jury at this term of circuit court has caused a great many people to wonder what the body is investigating. No report has been made since last Saturday, though the jury has been in session every day. A large number of witnesses in all stations of life have been examined. However, it is rumored that gamblers are getting the hot end of it and quite a number of indictments will be brought in on this charge. It is said the inquisition grew out of a dispute over a check for a gambling debt on which payment was stopped.

The jury probably will adjourn tomorrow but not until after bench warrants are issued and arrests made will be the nature of all indictments be made known.

THE WEATHER.



Fair tonight and Friday. Not much changes in temperature. Highest temperature yesterday, 37; lowest today, 25.

It is Probable That She Will Ascend to Cairo For Ceremony—Is Now at Havana, Cuba.

PADUCAH'S ITINERARY.
Left Guantanamo, Dec. 13.
Arrived Havana, Dec. 16.
Leaves Havana, Dec. 27.
At New Orleans, Dec. 30.

After presiding at the christening of the gunboat Paducah; fathering the movement to secure a silver service for the city's namesake, and hurrying preparations for the presentation, Mayor Yeiser will have to submit to seeing the ceremony performed under another's administration. The Paducah will not reach New Orleans until December 30, when negotiations will be entered into with Commander T. D. Griffin regarding time and place for the presentation.

The boat left Guantanamo, Cuba, December 13, under orders for New Orleans, stopping at Havana en route instructions from the war department received by Mayor Yeiser through Congressman Ollie James, are for representatives of the city and the commander to arrange details to suit themselves. It was also stated that the depth of the channel in the Ohio will not permit the gunboat to ascend to Paducah.

Mayor Yeiser prefers to have the silver service presented at Cairo, as the nearest point to this city, so that as large delegation as possible may attend from this city. As there seems to be nothing to prevent acquiescence in this plan, it is probable that soon after first of January the gunboat will ascend the Mississippi for the ceremony.

LIVELY CONTEST IS PROMISED FOR SUPERINTENDENT

Murray, Ky., Dec. 19. (Special.)—Miss Beatrice Scarbrough and Miss Lucile Grogan, two of the most prominent school teachers of Calloway county, probably will be the only entries in the race for county school superintendent at the next election to choose county officers, and an interesting campaign between the two is expected.

Miss Scarbrough made the race for the office at the last Democratic primary against L. A. L. Langston, who stood for re-election, and was beaten by a narrow margin after one of the hottest campaigns in the history of the county. Miss Scarbrough took the stump against her opponent and proved herself a strong debater. Her defeat was attributed to factional differences in the county and the fact that she entered the race just a few weeks before the election. Miss Scarbrough will be a most formidable candidate. Miss Grogan will also develop a strong following, as she is popular in every district in which she has taught school. She is at present secretary of the First District Educational association.

WED AT METROPOLIS

William T. Price and Etta L. Johnson, of Massac, and John E. Johnson and Nina N. Powell, of Massac, were married by Magistrate Thomas Liggett Monday. On Tuesday Weaver W. Dickerson and Ethel H. Day, of Paducah, were married there by Magistrate Liggett.

ANSWER WILL BE FILED THOMPSON-WILSON CASE.

Attorney Hal Corbett will file answer in federal court at Louisville tomorrow to the petition of creditors of Thompson, Wilson & company, asking that the concern be adjudged a bankrupt. The answer will recite that at the time alleged acts of bankruptcy were committed respondent did not know whether it was insolvent, as its assets consist of accounts, goods and valuable trademarks, and there was no intention to prefer one creditor unfairly above another.

Grain Market.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Wheat, 100; corn, 57; oats, 53.

BOUNDARY LINES FOR NEW SCHOOLS MUST BE SETTLED

Franklin and Jefferson Buildings Will Be Affected by Laying Out Two New Districts on the North and South Sides—Change in January.

PASS PAYROLL FRIDAY NIGHT

Pupils of the public schools will be assigned to their proper buildings under the reassignment of boundaries the third week in January, which is the one following the examinations for the term. They will receive slips, containing directions, when they are given their promotion cards.

Examinations close on Wednesday and the last three days of the week will be devoted to removing seats from the old Longfellow building and placing them in the Rowlandtown school, preparatory for the opening of the new building the Monday following.

It is probable that the Franklin and McKinley buildings and the Washington building will not be affected by the reassignment of boundaries, but Jefferson building on the north side and the Lee building on the south side will be relieved by the change.

The Jefferson school boundary as tentatively settled will be between Broadway and Clay streets, Tenth street and the river, giving the Rowlandtown school all north of Clay street.

The Twelfth and Jackson streets building may serve that territory lying between Broadway and Norton street west of Eighth street, including all of Werten's addition. That would limit the Franklin building to the territory between Broadway and Norton street, Eighth street and the river. Now the north boundary of the Franklin district is Washington street.

Securing a Loan.

It will be necessary tomorrow for the board to borrow \$4,700 to meet the payroll for this month and about \$2,000 is needed to cover claims allowed to go over last month. The board will meet tomorrow night to allow the payroll so teachers may have Christmas money.

The state owed the schools \$18,000 December and sent \$2,000 with no explanation.

BELL SYSTEM SURRENDERS

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—C. F. Size, president of the Bell Telephone company, of Canada, is here conferring with the Manitoba governor relative to disposing of the system of Bell lines to the province government, which lately established a complete public system, driving the Bell company to final negotiations.

WAIF RETURNS HOME

Jeff Downs, the small boy who was given transportation to Dexter, Ky., yesterday morning by policemen at the union station, is a ward of the Kentucky Children's Home society, according to information given by a former resident of Dexter, who was here this morning. The boy was adopted by John Downs, a well-to-do farmer of that place, last spring, but ran away a few weeks ago and returned to his former home near Louisville. After staying there a while he decided that he liked to live with Mr. Downs better and worked his way here. He appeared to be a bright little fellow, but has a deformed arm. It is understood that his adopted parents were willing to take him back.

MOTHER CHARGES HER BOY GAMBLLED AND GOT WHISKY

Lee Robertson, proprietor of the Western Tuff saloon, on lower Broadway, was presented in police court this morning on the charge of selling whisky to a minor. The warrant was procured by Mrs. Olive Imrie, who charges that her 18-year-old son, Arthur, was furnished whisky at the hotel bar. Mrs. Imrie also charges that the boy lost \$18 in a crap game alleged to have been conducted in a room of the hotel. Other boys, members of prominent families, are named as witnesses.

Plan Business Men to Guaranty Safety of Tobacco Stored Here To Big Insurance Companies.

People in Other Sections, Who Do Not Understand Local Conditions, Do City Injustice.

Plans, looking to the organization of business men to guarantee safety of tobacco stored here to eastern insurance companies, are on foot, and local insurance men say that such an organization would concentrate nearly all the tobacco in the Black Patch in Paducah. As it is, much is being rushed from buying points to Louisville, instead of coming here.

As one insurance man expressed it: "Those big insurance men in the east look at a map of Kentucky, when they read about the night riders and barn burning, and they see that Paducah is just about a finger length from Hopkinsville. It looks close enough to them for Paducah to catch fire from a Hopkinsville warehouse. It is all very well to make statements about how quiet things are here. They are, and there is no danger. Even local warehousemen anticipate no trouble here, but that doesn't reassure the people whose money is risked and who can't be expected to understand local conditions."

"Warehouses are guarded here. Warehousemen did that as much to relieve the anxiety of their principals abroad and in distant cities, as for any other reason. Naturally they are panicky about the situation. Wages, transfer profits and insurance commissions, amounting to thousands of dollars, are lost when tobacco is concentrated elsewhere."

"Paducah is the largest city in western Kentucky and the safest. If local business men would guarantee the safety of tobacco from raids and maintain a perfect system of guards, not very expensive, insurance people would quickly discriminate in favor of Paducah, and the tobacco companies, realizing that Paducah was safer than any other city out this way, would concentrate their stock here. This would be the big market. Tobacco would be brought here from great distances to be sold and the cash paid over right in this city, with the best stores in western Kentucky, where the planters could spend their money. The advantage gained by the city at this time, might well be maintained through succeeding years."

"It is not a question of safety that confronts Paducah so much as the question of taking advantage of a great opportunity."

IDENTIFY RIFLE WHICH YOUTSEY FIRED AT GOEBEL

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 19. (Special.)—The rifle, with which Goebel was shot was produced in court and identified by Grant Roberts, who formerly owned it. Seven witnesses testified for the defense to show that Youtsey fired the shot. Roberts was cross-examined this morning and said that the gun was taken from the vault in his office in Frankfort, by a Dr. Johnson, who borrowed it. He did not see the gun again until the day before Goebel was killed, when he found Youtsey sitting in front of the auditor's office with the gun on his lap. Later he saw it in the vault in the office, but missed it again and did not find it until January, 1907.

R. N. Miller, formerly of Breckinridge county, now law partner of Governor Taylor, said he saw Youtsey on January 27 with the gun in his hand kneeling at a window and pointing down the capitol yard. When he saw Miller he said: "It's on," and refused to say what he meant or to tell Miller anything more.

THEATER TICKETS AND CIGARETTES

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 19.—The supreme court in a decision invalidated the so-called theater ticket scalping law. The court says the legislature's power to provide a tax or license upon theaters cannot be questioned, but the sale of tickets at an advance over the price printed on them is not injurious to the health, morals, safety or general comfort of the public. The court in another case holds the legislature's act regulating the sale of cigarettes does not apply to cigarettes containing only pure tobacco.

ART COLLECTION RUINED BY BLAZE LATE LAST NIGHT

McFadden's Studio and Paducah Dental Parlors Wrecked by Fire, Smoke and Water and Jewelry Store and Fruit Stand Sustain Heavy Losses.

WAS CAUSED BY COMBUSTION

Fire, which started either in the finishing room of McFadden's studio, 317 Broadway, or the laboratory of the Paducah Dental company, at 10:30 last night, completely ruined the equipment of both places and caused a heavy damage to the Pollock jewelry store and the Imperial fruit store, which occupied the lower floor of the building, entailing an actual loss of \$10,000, while the inconvenience and loss of trade at this particular time will be great and irreparable.

Miss Zula Cobbs' millinery store was also damaged several hundred dollars by water.

The upper floor of the building was in a blaze when the firemen from the Central and No. 4 stations arrived and for a while the business center of the city was menaced. Quick work on the part of the firemen in getting several streams of water on the fire confined the blaze to the one building, with the slight loss to the stocks in the adjoining buildings from water.

Mr. McFadden estimates his loss at about \$4,000 with \$2,500 insurance. His collection of his own paintings and art work is considered his heaviest loss, and cannot be replaced.

The Paducah Dental company places its loss at \$3,500 with \$1,500 insurance. Louis Caporal, proprietor of the fruit store, does not know his exact loss this morning. He carried \$800 insurance. The Pollock jewelry stock, which was soaked with water, is insured for \$2,500. Mr. Pollock estimates his loss at \$4,000 to the stock, besides the loss of profit on the holiday trade.

Mr. McFadden and Dr. Otto Powell, of the dental parlors, left their offices a few minutes after 10 o'clock last night, and are at a loss to understand how the fire could have originated. When the firemen first entered the place it looked as though the fire had started in the laboratory of the dental parlor, although it spread to the studio.

A prize winning maitre cat, valued at \$300 belonging to Mr. McFadden, was rescued by the firemen.

Both the jewelry store and the fruit stand underneath were open for business when the fire was discovered and every effort was made by the proprietors to protect their stocks from water, some of the most valuable articles being carried out.

The building is the property of the City National bank and the damage to it is estimated at \$1,000, covered by insurance.

People who witnessed the fire were astonished that the entire building did not burn, as the flames were leaping high in the air when the firemen arrived.

Fire Chief Wood is of the opinion that the fire started from combustion of chemicals in the laboratory of the dental office or the finishing room of the photograph gallery. Just before the firemen reached the building the flames burst through the roof of the building as though caused by an explosion, and that fact gives rise to the chemical theory.

No Hoodoo to Caporal.

Louis Caporal, a Greek, the proprietor of the Imperial restaurant which was damaged by fire and water last night will never consider Friday, the thirteenth day of the month a hoodoo. The insurance policy of \$800 which he carried on his stock was placed by the agent Friday, December 13, and the loss came just five days later. The first premium had not been paid but Caporal was assured by the agent this morning that his loss would be adjusted.

LITTLE JENNIE STALL OF KREBS STATION, DIES.

Jennie Stall, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stall, of Krebs station, died this morning of pneumonia. The funeral will be Sunday morning and burial in Sunny Slope cemetery.

National Order Split.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 19.—The Michigan branch of the American Society of Equity voted to cut loose from the national organization and maintain an independent state society. This action resulted from a disinclination to unite with either of the two factions into which the national society is split.